

REMARKS

Formal examination of this application is respectfully requested.

The claims submitted in the first Preliminary Amendment, filed January 6, 1994, have been amended to correct errors subsequently discovered by applicants. In addition, subject matter relating to peptides encoded by ORF-3 and ORF-5 have been cancelled, without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute this subject matter in another application.

In particular, the recited nucleotide and amino acid sequences correspond to the sequences disclosed in Figures 4-26. The beginning of each claimed peptide has also been amended to correspond to the first methionine encoded by the disclosed nucleic acids, which is the beginning of translation. As the foregoing amendments do not introduce any new matter, it is respectfully requested that they be entered by the Examiner.

For the Examiner's convenience, the following copending applications are noted:

Serial No. 07/953,060, filed November 5, 1992; and

Serial No. 08/026,736, filed March 5, 1993.

Applicants respectfully request formal examination of this application and allowance of the pending claims at the Examiner's convenience.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this Second Preliminary Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. If a fee is required for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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